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RABI AND KHARIF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rabi crops will surpass Kharif output this year;

(b) if so, the details of the estimated production of the Kharif;

(c) whether the target of the production of Kharif has been achieved;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reason thereof alongwith the details of steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): According to the second advance estimates released on 10-2-2003 the rabi foodgrain production during 2002-03 is likely to be 92.91 million tonnes as compared to the likely production of 90.26 million tonnes during Kharif season. As far as oilseeds are concerned, the rabi production is likely to be 6.99 million tonnes while the likely kharif production is 8.45 million tonnes.

(c) & (d): During 2002-03 the target fixed for kharif foodgrains production was 110.48 million tonnes against which the likely achievement is 90.26 million tonnes. For kharif oilseeds, while the target was fixed at 15.90 million tonnes, the likely achievement is 8.45 million tonnes.

(e): The target could not be achieved due to severe drought conditions in several States. Taking into account the increase in input cost caused by drought, the Government announced one time Special Drought Relief Price, over and above the Minimum Support Price, varying from Rs.5 to Rs.20 per quintal for kharif crops of 2002-03 season. Other measures include promotion of watershed development, development and promotion of new technology etc.